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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SATO ET AL.

Examiner

Dennis G Bonshock

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show personal timer setting screen 140 as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The number 81 in the specification is use to make reference to both the RAM and the PCI bus.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matoba et al., Patent # 6,392,669, hereinafter Matoba and Pietropaolo et al., Patent # 6,351,765, hereinafter Pietropaolo. With regard to claims 1, 7, and 13, Matoba teaches a reservation registration apparatus, method, and storage medium (see column 2, line 41), that combines a reservation subject icon (see column

3, line 41), and a means for recording the start time of a piece of media (see column 3, line 28). Matoba however doesn't teach a time based display area, where in when an icon is moved into the display area, the display area displays the corresponding time division. Pietropaolo teaches a media editing system similar to that of Matoba, but also teaches the use of a time based display area (see column 11, line 55) and the functionality of being able to move icons into this display area (see figure 9 and column 11, line 52). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Matoba and Pietropaolo before him at the time the invention was made to modify the schedule management system of Matoba to include the time based display and the functionality of dragging icons into the display area of Pietropaolo. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because the use of a time based display for importing icons provides the user with a simple means to import media in a format where they can keep track of when the specific media will be played.

5. With regard to claims 2, 8, and 14, Matoba further teaches the said recorded media be program executable (see column 7, line 30).

6. With regard to claims 3, 9, and 15, Matoba further teaches the detection of the first end, corresponding to a program starting time and the second end, corresponding to a program ending time (see figure 1 and column 3, line 28), and reservation being preformed based on these values (see column 3, line 35).

7. Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matoba, Pietropaolo, and Prothereo et al., Patent # 6,414,686, hereinafter Prothereo. Matoba and Pietropaolo teach the schedule management

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system as rejected above in claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13-15. They however fail to teach the ability to move whole reservations around on the display screen, or to move one end of a reservation (clipping). Prothereo teaches a multimedia editing system similar to that of Matoba and Pietropaolo, but further teaches the ability to move whole reservations around on the display screen (see column 6, line 40), and she also teaches the process of clipping (see column 6, line 43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Matoba, Pietropaolo, and Prothereo before him at the time the invention was made to modify the scheduling management system of Matoba and Pietropaolo to include the said editing functionality of Prothereo. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because importing and exporting a piece of media anytime you need to change it's location or properties would be superfluous.

8. Claims 6, 12, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matoba, Pietropaolo, and Crow et al., Patent # 6,538,665, hereinafter Crow.

Matoba and Pietropaolo teach the schedule management system as rejected above in claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13-15. They however fail to teach the ability to drag media into a trash bin for deletion. Crow teaches a media presentation scheme similar to that of Matoba and Pietropaolo, but further teaches the ability to drag pieces of media into a trash bin (see column 9, line 50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Matoba, Pietropaolo, and Crow before him at the time the invention was made to modify the schedule management system of Matoba and Pietropaolo to include the trash removal system of Crow. One would have been

motivated to make such a combination because this form of deleting items has become a standard interface in most operating systems today.

Conclusion

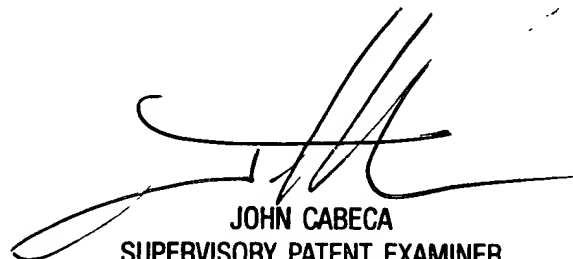
9. The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach a means of scheduling media for a given date and time in the future.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G Bonshock whose telephone number is (703) 305-4668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for regular communications and (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications.

12. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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